Findings of High-level Health Experts on Bio-terrorism

2144. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the findings of the high-level meeting of health experts held recently on global threat of bio-terrorism; and

(b) the steps being taken to implement the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has convened a meeting-cum-workshop on Biological & Chemical Terrorism on 29th October, 2001 at New Delhi wherein Health Secretary, Home Secretary and Director of Health Services from various States and Union Territories, eminent experts in the field of medical science from different organizations in the country and heads of different hospitals in Government and private sector in Delhi participated and deliberated on various aspects.

The officials from the State Governments gave a brief account of their preparedness to tacle bio-chemical terrorism. All of them assured that they have got the expertise and sufficient stock of medicines to tackle the situation.

Achievement of Goals under National Health Policy, 1983

2145. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to achieve the goals set in the National Health Policy, 1983 ;

(b) whether the existing National Health Policy is going to be reformulated; and

(c) how many recognized institutes are there in the country to import education/training on the Indian systems of medicine and homoeopathy, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) Achievement of goals set in the National Health Policy, 1983 has been the constant endeavour of the Ministry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.